

Minutes of Pre-bid meeting held on 05.02.2014 at 14:00 hr at RITES office for Supply of HBV(RAPID) & HCV(RAPID) Test Kits against: IFB No. RITES/MSM/NACP/07/2013/REBID 2nd

1. The following were present:-

I) From RITES

S/Shri

R K Sharma, JGM/MSM – In Chair

M K Das, Manager/MSM

B N Meena, AM/MSM

II) Firms which attended the pre bid conference are as follows:

S. No.	Name of representative S/Shri	Name of Firm
1	B. S. Rauthan	M/s Bhat Biotech (I) Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
2	Chander Prakash Kundra	M/s SD Biostandard Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon

2. Initiating the discussion, chairperson welcomed the participants. It was explained that purpose of Pre-bid meet is to educate the bidders regarding various important provisions of the bidding documents and also to clarify any queries that the bidders may have in the subject bidding documents.

3. The issues raised during the pre bid meeting and clarifications are as under-

S. No.	Query Raised	Clarification
Section II. General Conditions Of Contract		
1.	GCC 16: Payment: The participant has mentioned that the advance payment system for the materials to be supplied as it would be generally there in many of the bigger tenders.	There will be no advance payment.
Section IV. Technical Specification		
2.	Sr. No 2 Point No (ii) As Per Bid Technical Specification “ <i>The cumulative time temperature indicator technology used should be pre-qualified by WHO</i> ”. Query: The Cold Chain being used by firm fulfills the Quality requirement i.e. “the maintenance of cold chain during storage & transport of the kits at 2-8 degree Celsius”. But the condition that time- temperature indicator technology used should be pre-qualified by WHO can become a monopolistic situation and can restrict its usage. This results in increase in prices and thereby having unfair competition. The participant has requested to remove the condition of “pre-qualified by WHO” and to make this BID more competitive.	Not agreed.

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	Other participant mentioned that instead of 'WHO Pre qualified source' at least 4-5 good brands should be included in tender for time temperature indicator; which will reduce the dependency of manufacturers only on one monopolistic vendor.	
For, HBV RAPID Test Kits:		
	<p>As Per Bid Technical Specification SN. (11) <i>“The assay should have analytical sensitivity of detecting ≤ 0.5 ng/ml”</i></p> <p>Query: One of the participants has mentioned that this condition restricts many companies from participating in tender. Also, difference of just 0.5 ng/ml does not make any significant improvement in the specifications & performance of the test but still it bars many companies offering high quality products to become a part of the tender process. Even WHO & the Premier Govt. Institutes like NIB, Noida (Ministry Health & Family Welfare) Govt. of India considers only sensitivity & specificity to be the crucial parameters for quality control evaluation of the kits.</p> <p>The participant has requested to either increase the analytical sensitivity to 1 ng/ml or put this condition in a range i.e. 0.5 ng/ml to 1.5 ng/ml so that this bid can become more competitive and provide you with a wide scope of choice.</p>	Not agreed.

Meeting concluded with thanks to the participants for their active participation.